VII.—EDUCATION.

61. Improvements to be effected in the education of Mahomedans.

Mr. N. A. Mahomed Kunju (Member, Nominated) expressed the gratitude of the Moslem community for what had been done to promote education among them and requested that a larger number of Mahomedan youths be given appointments in the State service. He then suggested the following—

(1) The appointment of a Mahomedan Inspector for the schools started for the Moslem community.

(2) Wherever necessary, schools for the members of the Mahomedan community should be opened.

(3) A special allotment should be provided in the State Budget for the promotion of education among the Moslems.

(4) Scholarships should be awarded to deserving Mahomedan youths for enabling them to carry on higher education, and appointments should be given to qualified young men in the Educational and other departments of the State.

(5) Higher Grade Vernacular schools should be opened in more Mahomedan centres exclusively for their benefit. They had only one Higher Grade Vernacular school at Alleppey and even that had been reduced to a Lower Grade school which had caused considerable disappointment to them. The long-promised Lower Grade English School should, therefore, be opened at least now.

Dewan's reply.—The appointment of a Mahomedan Inspector is engaging the attention of Government. The other points urged by the Member will receive due consideration.

The Assembly adjourned at 4-45 P. M.

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